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To: File

Thru: Joe Helfrich, Permit Supervisor, Compliance *JH*

From: Peter Hess, Reclamation Specialist III *PH*

RE: Citizen Complaint, Andalex Resources, Inc., Centennial Project, ACT/007/019, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

On April 7, 1999, at 11:35 a.m., the Price Field Office received a citizen complaint from Mike Leschin. Mr. Leschin reported observing "black stuff" in the Deadman Creek drainage; a borrow pit in the area was also coated with the same material.

I attempted to contact Mr. Leschin at the BLM at 11:45 a.m., but he was not available. I also tried to contact him on his cellular phone, having obtained that number from the phone receptionist at the Bureau. He could not be reached; a message informing him that our agency was attempting to respond was left on his voice mail.

At this point I contacted Mr. Mike Glasson at Centennial and informed him of the circumstances. We agreed to meet in about thirty minutes at Centennial to see what we could determine. Mr. Steve Demczak, who is the regularly assigned Reclamation Specialist at this site, was at the Dugout Mine site inspecting and could not be contacted.

Upon arriving at the Centennial Project, I discussed with Mr. Glasson what information I had received up to that point. We decided to go down the Deadman Creek drainage to determine what we could.

A water sample (which was crystal clear) was taken at the discharge end of a 48 inch road culvert outside of the Centennial permit boundary. Photos were also taken of the stream banks. There was no environmental damage obvious.

Mr. Glasson and I were frustrated at this point. I asked Mr. Glasson to follow up the complaint by contacting Mr. Leschin so he could give us more direction. He agreed to do so. When I made contact with Steve Demczak, I also asked him to follow up on the situation to make certain that it was adequately handled.

The purpose of this memo is to document the fact that the DOGM PFO made an immediate response to this citizen's complaint.

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cc: Mary Ann Wright, DOGM, SLC